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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions with [redacted]
Office of Security

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25X1 1. I was visited this morning by [redacted]
[redacted] OS, who is investigating the New York Times
25X1 publication of an article by Neil Sheehan des-
cribing a CIA report on enemy subversion in South
Vietnam. I told [redacted] that I had no idea
of the possible source of the leak of this report
and that it had received such dissemination outside
the Agency, that it would be difficult to trace.
I told him that our preliminary reading of the
Sheehan article made it clear that he had indeed
access to an OER publication and that his article
followed the text of our publication very closely
and accurately.

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2. I told him that the only activity during
the past week of which I was aware on enemy sub-
version took place at the Pentagon with Systems
Analysis. I told him of the visit of one James
Blaker who discussed our September report on
Communist subversion and who had inquired if we
were going to downgrade the report. Blaker wanted
to use parts of our report in a memorandum which
Systems Analysis reportedly was preparing for
Secretary Laird. I told [redacted] that Blaker had
not discussed our May report (the source for the
Sheehan article) but that he would have been aware
of it because it had been referenced in the September
report.

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25X1 3. I gave [redacted] a copy of our May report*
(Copy #168). I also gave him a copy of the
dissemination for that report and copy of my memorandum
to the DDI on the NYT article.

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